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Dear Sir:

**Amendments**

In the above-identified case, please replace original claim 40 with amended claim 40 as follows:

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40. (Amended Once) A method of preparing a tissue cement protein, comprising expressing a vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding the protein of claim 1, in a host cell and culturing said host cell under conditions where said protein is expressed, and recovering said protein thus expressed.